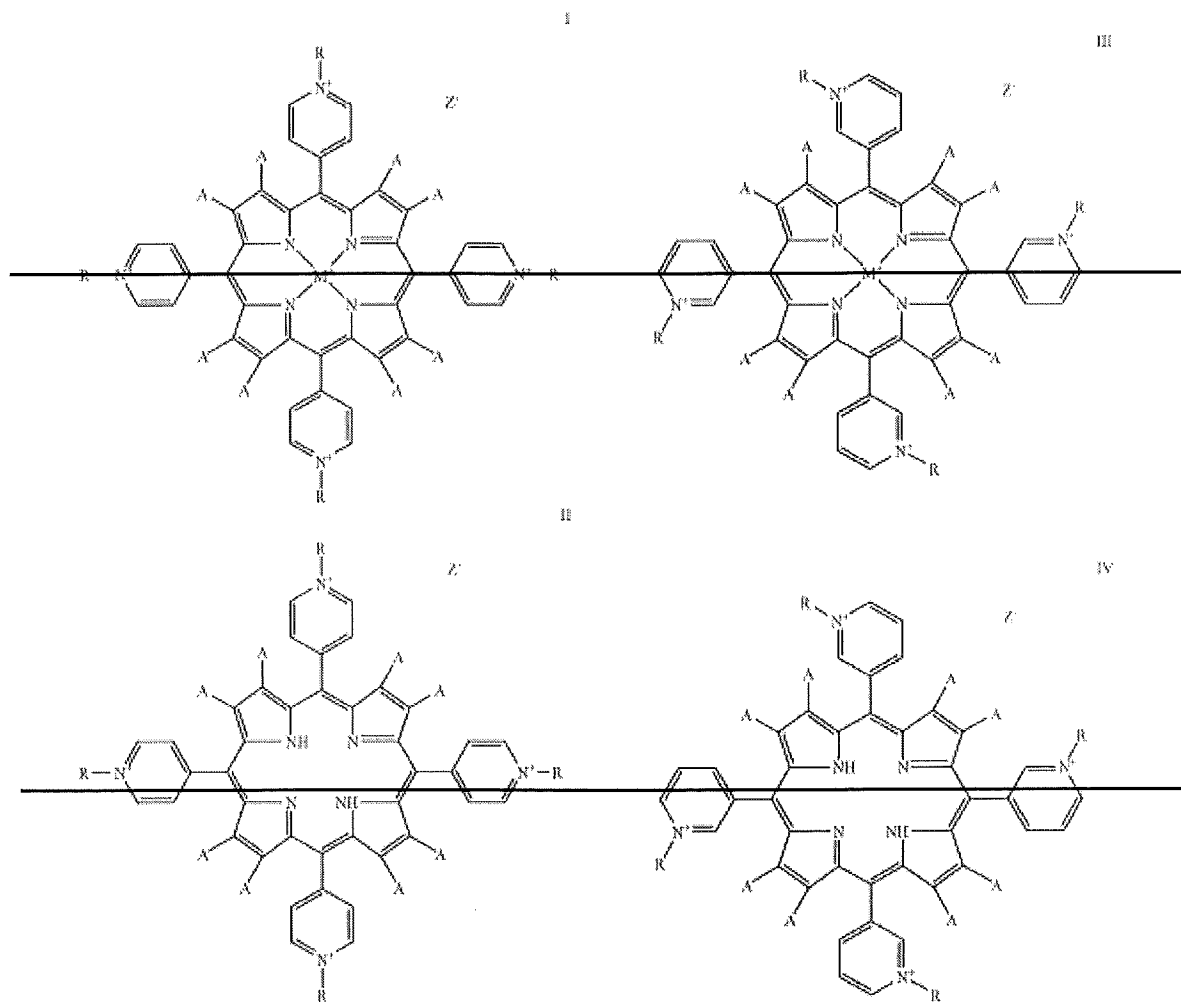


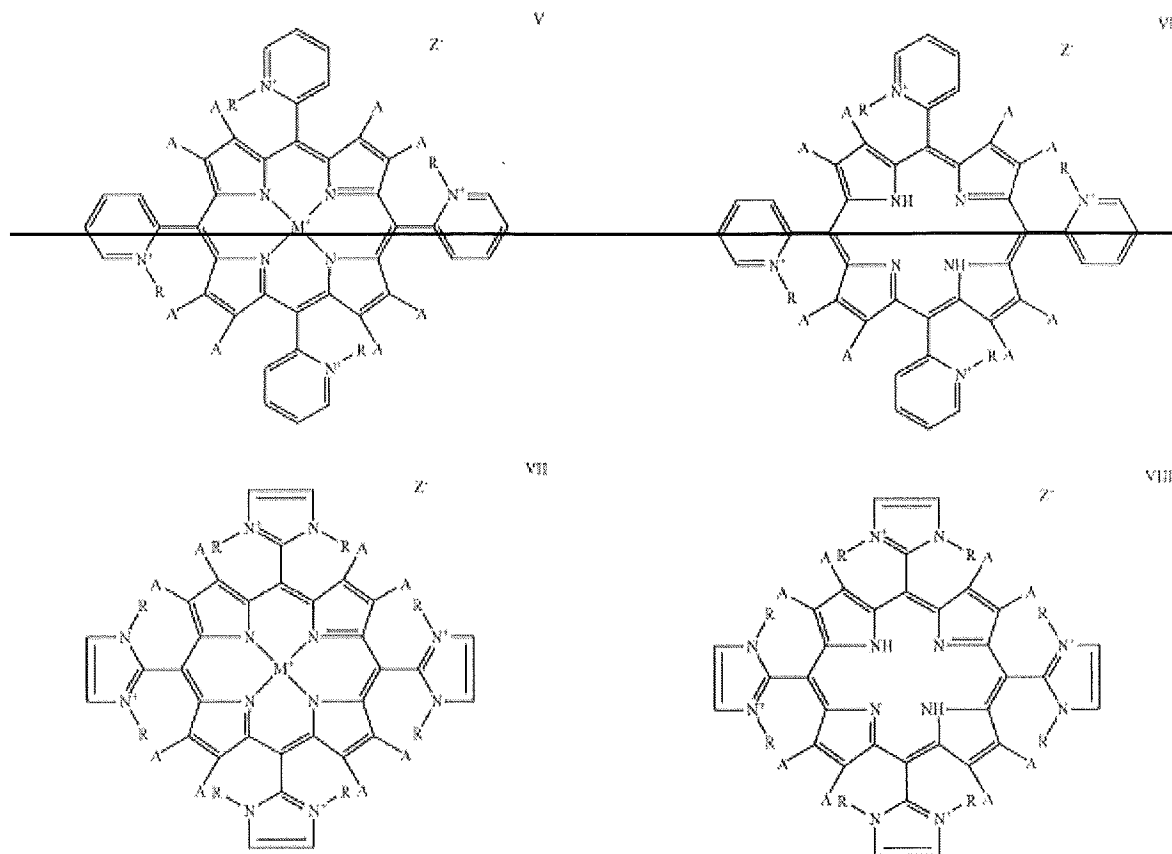
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (currently amended). A compound of the formula:





or

when the compound of Formula I-VI, each R is, independently,  $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$  or  $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$ ,

wherein

$m$  is 1-6,

$n$  is 3-50,

$X$  is  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl (straight chain or branched),

when the compound is of Formula VII or VIII, wherein at least one R on each imidazole ring is, independently,  $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$  or  $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$ , the other R being, independently, a  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

wherein

$m$  is 1-6,

$n$  is 3-50,

$X$  is  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

~~when the compound is any of Formulas I-VIII,~~ each A is, independently, hydrogen or an electron withdrawing group,

M is metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel and zinc, and

Z<sup>-</sup> is a counterion.

2 (original). The compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one A is halogen, NO<sub>2</sub> or CHO.

3-38 (cancelled).

39 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VII.

40 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is halogen.

41 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is NO<sub>2</sub>.

42 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is CHO.

43 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VIII.

44 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is halogen.

45 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is NO<sub>2</sub>.

46 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is CHO.